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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 17 SERIES OF 2020

AN ORDER REGULATING ACTIVITIES AND PRESCRIBING PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 IN THE CITY OF LIGAO

WHEREAS, Section 16 of the Local Government Code legally mandates the local government units to promote the health and safety of their constituents;

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte has issued Proclamation No. 922 on March 8, 2020 "*Declaring A State of Public Health Emergency Throughout the Philippines*", requiring mandatory quarantine and travel restriction, among others;

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020 President Rodrigo Roa Duterte has announced Resolution No. 11, Series of 2020 issued by the Inter-Agency Task Force For the Management of Emerging Infectious Disease (IATF) Resolution No. 11, Series 2020, raising Code Red Sublevel Two (2) for COVID-19;

WHEREAS, Governor Al Francis C. Bichara issued an Executive Order No. 07, Series of 2020 establishing measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the Province of Albay;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PATRICIA GONZALEZ-ALSUA, Mayor of Ligao City, Albay, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. COVERAGE – This Executive Order shall apply to all business establishments, government offices, schools, and individuals entering the City of Ligao whether resident or not.

SECTION 2. GUIDELINES ON SELF QUARANTINE- Following the guidelines set in IATF Resolution No. 11 for localized community quarantine, the following measures are hereby adopted:

- a) A barangay-wide quarantine is advised when there are at least two positive COVID-19 cases belonging to different households in the same barangay; and
- b) A city-wide quarantine is advised when there are at least two positive COVID-19 cases belonging to different barangays in the same city.
- c) All residents returning to the City and non-residents staying in the City from their travels to areas with confirmed COVID-19 cases and areas outside of Region V are required to undergo self-quarantine for fourteen (14) days. They are likewise required to notify the Barangay Health Emergency Response Team of this fact and the latter shall conduct monitoring of their health condition, record their whereabouts, and report to the City Health Office.
- d) Any individual required to undergo the fourteen (14)-day quarantine period should stay indoors and strictly impose social distancing.

SECTION 3. PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES IN GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND PRIVATE ESTABLISHMENTS – All government and private establishments, businesses, and other places where people frequently gather are mandated to disinfect their premises on a daily basis, especially surfaces frequently in contact with their clients or customers. They are likewise required to provide hand sanitizers, soap, and other disinfectants as precautionary measures to prevent spread of COVID-19. The use of thermal scanner is highly encouraged.

Market-goers are encouraged to buy their goods on a daily basis to avoid congestion and close contact with other shoppers. Social distancing should be strictly complied with.

SECTION 4. PUBLIC/PRIVATE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES IN ALL LEVELS – To safeguard the health of students and school personnel and mitigate the spread of COVID-19, the following directives are hereby imposed relative to school activities:

- a) Public Elementary and Secondary Schools are mandated to conduct the required examinations until March 14, 2020. Students/pupils who have already taken the said examinations shall no longer report to school and are advised to stay at home for their safety. During the examination period, the schools are mandated to provide precautionary measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 such as the provision of alcohols, sanitizers, and soap.
- b) Private elementary and secondary schools are encouraged to adopt a similar scheme the soonest possible time.
- c) Classes in the tertiary level for both public and private schools are hereby cancelled starting March 16, 2020 (Monday), until further lifted.
- d) Graduation and Recognition Rites may be held inside the classrooms allowing only the parents as guests in the said activity or ceremony.

SECTION 5. PUBLIC GATHERINGS and CROWD ACTIVITIES –

- a) All activities involving a gathering of crowd such as fiesta celebrations, public shows, cockfighting activities, parades, conferences, seminars, and similar public activities are suspended, except when such gathering is for the purpose of research, information dissemination, or activity relative to COVID-19.
- b) Religious organizations, sects, and churches are encouraged to take preventive measures during the conduct of their religious activities and days of worship such as providing alcohols and sanitizers for their members as well as minimizing close contact among its congregation.

SECTION 6. PUBLIC UTILITIES VEHICLES – Public Utility Vehicles such as vans, jeepneys, tricycles, and pedicabs, and similar vehicles that are accessible to the public are required to intensify their infection control measures of their respective units.

SECTION 7. TRAVELS OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF LIGAO – All official travels of government officials and employees to areas with confirmed cases of COVID-19 are suspended until lifted.

SECTION 8. PREVENTIVE MEASURES TO AVOID TRANSMISSIONS OF COVID-19 – The public is advised to continuously monitor the advisories and updates of the Department of Health and the City Government of Ligao on COVID-19 to avoid misinformation.

SECTION 9. HOTLINE NUMBERS – For further guidelines and protocols on the prevention, mitigation, preparedness for and containment of COVID-19 and should there be a need to notify the City Government of Ligao of information useful for case management, contact

tracing and prevention of confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19, the public is encouraged to notify the following hotlines:

City Health Office Hotline:

0926-7629379/0915-522284


CDRRMO Hotline:

0995-4004711/0939-4100970

SECTION 10 – REPEALING CLAUSE – All orders and issuances that are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Order are hereby repealed, superseded or modified accordingly.

SECTION 11 – EFFECTIVITY. – This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Ligao, Philippines, March 13, 2020.


PATRICIA GONZALEZ-ALSUA
City Mayor